

ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2013

The Common Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by Council President McLaughlin.

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Council Members Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith.

Also present were the following staff: Cashawna Parker, Nala Woodard, Barbara Samel and Patrick Jordan.

Council Member Jenkins-Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. John Wolcott, 344 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 (Albany African Church);
2. Melanie Tremble, NY Civil Liberties Union (Support Resolution 19.41.13R in relation to the Women's Equality Agenda);
3. Marlon Anderson, 491 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 (Upcoming council member elections);
4. Blue Carreker, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, 855 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206 (Support Resolution 19.41.13R in relation to the Women's Equality Agenda);
5. Sandra Steubing, 680 Central Avenue #95, Albany, NY 12206 (Earth Day).

There being no further speakers, the President declared the public comment period closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

President Pro Tempore Conti made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 and January 24, 2013 meeting, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAWS

The local laws on the agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety – Chairwoman Smith stated that the committee would be meeting on April 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with Albany Police Department to discuss their training practices. Representatives from Albany Housing Authority will also be present for the discussion.

Finance, Taxation and Assessment – Chairman Sano stated that the committee met on April 11, 2013 to discuss Ordinance Numbers 28.31.13 (replacement vehicles and apparatus) and 29.31.13 (replacement vehicles) for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Ordinance Number 28.31.13 was recommended favorably and Ordinance Number 29.31.13 was held. The committee would be meeting on April 16, 2013 with the City Treasurer to discuss tax bills and installment payments.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Council Member Sano introduced ORDINANCE NUMBER 35.42.13, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$200,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENERGY CONSERVATION IN CITY BUILDINGS)

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Additions to or conversion of buildings.

Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 12(2)

Period of Probable Usefulness: 15 years

Maximum Term of Obligations: 15 years

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$200,000.00

Maximum Amount of Bonds: \$200,000.00

Treasurer's Bond Authorization Numbers: AC-13

Treasurer's Project Numbers: GH 14408329

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the issuance of \$200,000.00 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered and directed that the projects specified above be undertaken and the amounts set forth as the maximum estimated costs are hereby appropriated therefore. The Board of Contract and Supply is hereby authorized to take such necessary and further steps to carry out the provisions of this section.

Section 4. Pending the sale of the bonds herein authorized, the temporary use of funds from the City's general fund, pursuant to the provisions of section 165.10 of the New York Local Finance Law, is hereby authorized. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such temporary expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by section 1 of this ordinance. This ordinance shall constitute the City's "official intent" to reimburse such temporary expenditures in accordance with United States Treasury Regulation section 1.150-2.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the City of Albany, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year and such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law. There shall

annually be levied on all taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the New York Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated in the City Treasurer, as chief fiscal officer of the City of Albany. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The City Treasurer is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

Section 8. The City Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c12-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 9. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

(a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance pursuant to Section 8 hereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publications, or

(c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. Upon this ordinance taking effect, the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby authorized and directed to publish the same together with a notice in substantially the form set forth in section 81.00 of the New York Local Finance Law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined that except as hereinafter specified, the authority and funding of the projects aforesaid constitute either unlisted or Type II actions under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder having no adverse effect upon the environment.

Section 12. This ordinance shall be dated April 15, 2013 and shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of Albany.

Council Member Fahey offered ORDINANCE NUMBER 32.41.13 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT AIR EASEMENT TO ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER OVER A PORTION OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MYRTLE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A

PATIENT BUILDING), which had been previously introduced, and asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon.

The ordinance passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano and Smith

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Sano offered ORDINANCE NUMBER 28.31.13 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$125,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND APPARATUS)), which had been previously introduced, and asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon.

The ordinance passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano and Smith

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Ordinance Number 28.31.13 was co-sponsored by Council Member Freeman.

The remaining ordinances on the agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Golby introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 24.42.13R, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL PROCLAIMING MAY 2013 AS BIKE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Albany, in partnership with the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) completed a Bicycle Master Plan identifying a network of bicycle routes to improve cycling as a viable mode of transportation throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in April 2012, the Albany Common Council adopted the “Albany 2030” Comprehensive Plan which supports promoting and implementing the Bicycle Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the growing network supports a safe and healthy transportation alternative that is paramount to achieving sustainability and enhancing the quality of life in the City; and

WHEREAS, since implementing the Bicycle Master Plan, the City of Albany has added or improved 11.76 miles of bicycle infrastructure, which includes multi-use paths, shared use markings (sharrows), signage, and bike lanes throughout the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the number of bike racks in Albany have increased to 344 throughout the city with an estimated total of 1446 bicycle parking spaces, all regular route Capital District Transportation Authority buses are equipped with bike racks, and the city of Albany has recently completed a bike share feasibility and wayfinding signage study; and

WHEREAS, Each year the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) recognizes bicycle friendly communities with Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze level awards, and recognizes communities who are on the right track with Honorable Mention. The City of Albany received Honorable Mention in 2012 as a “Bicycle Friendly Community” from LAB for efforts to become more bicycle friendly. LAB feedback report stated that they were, “...impressed with the growing commitment to make Albany, NY a great place for bicyclists. The Honorable Mention given by the reviewers reflects their view that some of the key building blocks of creating a Bicycle Friendly Community are in place...;” and

WHEREAS, the LAB feedback report provided numerous recommendations to the City of Albany to make the city more bicycle friendly such as forming an official Bicycle Advisory Committee, promoting active transportation by reducing traffic speeds, providing designated bicycle facilities along arterial and collector roads, adopting a Complete Streets policy, and more; and

WHEREAS, in April 2010 the CAPITAL COEXIST website (www.capitalcoexist.org) was launched. This localized education campaign is geared towards cyclists and motorists safely *coexisting* when using the region’s roadways. Capital Coexist was developed by the CDTC in response to the Albany Bicycle Master Plan and public requests for bicycle education and safety information; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Energy & Sustainability was established by Mayor Jennings in 2010 to coordinate energy conservation and efficiency initiatives among the municipal departments and to drive community wide efforts to become a more livable and sustainable city, which includes promoting and supporting bicycling and other active transportation. The office’s website is www.albanysustainability.org; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the world's foremost authority on climate change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), declared that the "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice and rising global average sea level" and that "human influence is very likely the leading cause of global warming;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany’s Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions inventory, available on the Office of Energy and Sustainability, website found that 21% of total community GHG emissions are generated from transportation. This percentage can be reduced by community members making the choice to walk, bike or ride the bus more frequently; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, the New York Bicycling Coalition, Capital Coexist, the Albany Police Department, the Albany Bicycling Coalition, and others are promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities for all; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Police Department will be conducting a public outreach campaign throughout Bike Month that will include a “Share the Road” announcement on message boards in key locations and directed enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic Laws pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 152 of the New York State Traffic Law defines “traffic” as “Pedestrians...vehicles, bicycles and other conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for the purpose of travel;” and

WHEREAS, in summary, three key components of the New York State Traffic Law that relate to bicycling are:

- Bicyclists must ride with traffic and thus travel in the same direction as motor vehicles.
- A bicycle is a vehicle and as such must observe all traffic laws and obey all signals, signs, and pavement markings.
- Bicyclists must signal to turn on a roadway, a bike lane or bike path; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Ride of Silence held in Albany to commemorate those injured and killed while cycling in traffic will include a Walk of Silence to commemorate pedestrians injured and killed while walking; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous events to promote bicycling, including: The Earth Day lunch time bike ride on April 22nd, The Albany Bike Expo 2013 on Sunday, May 5th, The Ride and Walk of Silence on May 15th, National Bike-to-Work Day on May 17th, and the Albany Police Department and PAL 2013 Bike Rodeo on May 18th; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albany Common Council hereby proclaims May 2013 as Bike Month in the City of Albany, urges all motorists and bicyclists to follow New York State’s Vehicle and Traffic Law, and share the road respectfully and responsibly.

**Note: Council Member Golby spoke on this resolution prior to passage.*

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Resolution Number 24.42.13R was co-sponsored by Council Members Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano and Smith.

President Pro Tempore Conti asked and received majority consent to add Resolution Numbers 25.42.13R, 26.42.13R, 27.42.13R, 28.42.13R and 29.42.13R to the pending agenda, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Konev offered RESOLUTION NUMBER 25.42.13R(MC), asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING UJIMA JOURNEY ON THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION AND AWARDS CEREMONY ON APRIL 20, 2013

WHEREAS, Ujima Journey is a collaboration of people from the Capital District and primarily people from the African diaspora who come together to make their community a better place to live.

They connect the youth of the community with their past by showing them how they fit into American history and where that history has led them; and

WHEREAS, Ujima is named for the Kwanzaa principle of collective work and responsibility, and it is in that spirit we involve the community. Ujima is the third of the seven principals behind the annual seven-day holiday celebrating African-American culture. The idea challenges all of us to build and maintain our community together, to make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and solve them together; and

WHEREAS, Ujima Journey helps local youth explore African-American heritage by traveling to important historical and cultural sites, landmarks and institutions with other students and families from the area; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of Ujima, several outstanding local leaders are being honored as part of the Fourth Annual Reunion and Awards Ceremony. Marcus Kwame Anderson, Rev. Willie Bacote, Mwaikazi J. Lajas, Benita L. Law-Diao, Marsha Mortimore, Zorkie Nelson and Diego Perez will receive the 2013 Kazi Award and Ralph Boyd, Sr. will receive the Rafiki Award. All of these individuals have done exceptional work in making our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. This annual reunion and awards ceremony allows participants and supporters to share their experiences, celebrate the achievements of our award winners and facilitate the next journey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany congratulates Ujima Journey on their Fifth Annual Reunion and Awards Ceremony and thanks each of the award winners for their contributions to our community.

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Resolution Number 25.42.13R was co-sponsored by Council Members Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano and Smith.

Council Member Sano offered RESOLUTION NUMBER 26.42.13R(MC), asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE MAIMONIDES HEBREW DAY SCHOOL OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TRIBUTE DINNER

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Council to recognize and commend those institutions and individuals of commitment and high achievement whose purpose and endeavor have been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the education of the children of this great city; and

WHEREAS, religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, it is the tradition of this City and State to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, at the Annual Scholarship Tribute Dinner the Maimonides Hebrew Day School will celebrate 25 years of the Dr. Morton Berger Memorial Award. This award is given annually to an individual who typifies the character, leadership and compassion of Dr. Berger. Dr. Berger was a leader in the Capital Region's Jewish community and a nationally reknown psychologist. He was a founding member of the Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, a long-time member of Congregation Shomray Torah and was an inspiration to many individuals. His memory, character and teachings continue to live on. The generous bequest of Eva Kneznek will also be remembered as is allowed for the Maimonides School to purchase its first permanent home on Partridge Street in Albany. The dinner takes place on the Hebrew anniversary of her passing, and a memorial prayer remembering Eva will be recited during the program; and

WHEREAS, the greatest asset of any society is its children and the hope and promise they represent for the future. Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District has a proud and rich history of providing its students with an educational and religious foundation which is both strong and enduring.

RESOLVED, that this Council pause in its deliberations to honor the Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District and the memory of Dr. Morton Berger and Eva Kneznek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed be transmitted to the Maimonides Hebrew Day School of the Capital District.

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Resolution Number 26.42.13R co-sponsored by Council Members Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, and Smith.

Council Member Sano introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 27.42.13R(MC), which was held:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE
REDUCTION OR REMISSION OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES REGARDING THOSE
PROPERTY OWNERS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF TAXES
UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND THE CODE OF THE
CITY OF ALBANY AND REQUESTING THAT THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE
PASS LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING SUCH REDUCTIONS AND REMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, Section 928-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) allows for installment payments of real property taxes for those persons who receive an exemption pursuant to RPTL Section 467, if a county legislature elects to authorize such installments for the municipalities located within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Albany County Legislature passed Resolution No. 62 of 1996 authorizing said installment payments for property owners of the City of Albany that receive the exemption authorized by state law and facilitated under Chapter 333 of the Code of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, RPTL Section 1182 authorizes that if the governing body of any tax district shall determine that it is for the best interests of the tax district, it shall have the power, by resolution, to authorize the enforcing officer to permit the cancellation in whole or in part of any interest, penalties or other charges imposed by law to which the tax district or any other municipal corporation shall be lawfully entitled; provided, however, that in cases where such interest, penalties, or other charges, if collected by the tax district, belong to a municipal corporation therein, no reduction or remission in whole or in part of such interest, penalties, or other charges shall be made without the consent of the municipal corporation affected, which consent may be given by resolution adopted after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Albany, as the municipal corporation affected, consents to the reduction or remission of such interest, penalties, or other charges as they pertain to tax bills or warrants delivered to property owners entitled to pay their property taxes in installments for the years 2012 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council requests that the Albany County Legislature, as the governing body of the tax district, pass legislation authorizing the appropriate County Officials to permit the cancellation in whole or in part of any interest, penalties or other charges imposed by law to which the City is lawfully entitled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany, as the municipal corporation affected, consents to the reduction or remission of such interest, penalties, or other charges as they pertain to tax bills or warrants delivered to property owners entitled to pay their property taxes in installments for the years 2012 and 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council requests that the Albany County Legislature, as the governing body of the tax district, pass legislation authorizing the appropriate County officials to permit the cancellation in whole or in part of any interest, penalties or other charges imposed by law to which the City is lawfully entitled.

RESOLVED, that the Common Council requests that the County Legislature amend the existing requirements regarding interest payments by reducing or removing the required payment of interest on the second installment of tax payments pursuant to Section 924-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Common Council shall notice a Public Hearing regarding this Resolution.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to the leadership of the Albany County Legislature.

Council Member Bailey offered RESOLUTION NUMBER 28.42.13R(MC) on behalf of Council President McLaughlin, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF THE REVEREND DR.
DAMONE PAUL JOHNSON ON HIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE
METROPOLITAN NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson is the Senior Pastor of the Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church of Albany, New York. Since he began his pastoral ministry in 2003, over 500 souls have been added to the church. Under his leadership, the church has grown in

ministry and mission and is presently embarking upon a multi-million dollar building project that will facilitate the ministry needs of this growing and thriving congregation and the community; and

WHEREAS, as Founder and President of DPJ Ministries, Dr. Johnson continues to teach, conduct workshops and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His uplifting sermons are broadcast weekly on the “Fresh Bread” Christian radio program. Dr. Johnson has served as an Adjunct Professor at Martin University in Indianapolis, Indiana, and was also a contributing writer for The Advent Age, a 1999 Advent Meditation Guide for students. From 1999-2003, he served as Assistant Pastor of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, having received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Philosophy with a minor in Music from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. Johnson has also earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York. Demonstrating strong promise in preaching and pastoral ministry, Dr. Johnson received the distinguished Dr. H. Beecher Hicks Jr. preaching award. In May 2007, Dr. Johnson was conferred the Doctor of Ministry degree with a concentration in Pastoral Preaching from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, commissioned by God to minister to the church and community, Dr. Johnson has a special fondness for young people and enjoys encouraging them to higher standards and expectations. He is often called upon to participate in various school reading programs and is also utilized by area colleges and universities to present to the college students. He serves as a Board Member to the Capital Region YMCA, where his involvement provides opportunities for youth and adults throughout the Capital Region to have access to programs, which edify the body, mind and spirit. Dr. Johnson is married to the former Angela D. Davis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany pauses in its deliberations to celebrate and honor the stellar achievements and spiritual leadership of the Reverend Dr. Damone Paul Johnson on his tenth pastoral anniversary at the Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church of Albany, New York and thanks him for sharing his talents with citizens of Albany.

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Resolution Number 28.42.13R(MC) co-sponsored by Council Members Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano and Smith.

Council Member Herring introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 29.42.13R(MC), which was referred to the Planning, economic Development Committee:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BETH LACEY AS A MEMBER OF THE ALBANY PARKING AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 1493-c of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, the Common Council hereby consents to the Mayor’s appointment of Beth Lacey as a member of the Albany Parking Authority, for a term expiring January 2, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately

Council Member Smith moved to amended RESOLUTION NUMBER 19.41.13R and as amended, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE WOMEN’S EQUALITY AGENDA

WHEREAS, New York State has played an historic role in the struggle for women’s equality in the United States; and

WHEAREAS, women are 51.5% of the New York State population and 48% of New York State’s workforce, but still are paid only 84 cents for every dollar earned by male employees; and

WHEAREAS, women continue to face discrimination in many aspects of their daily lives including employment, housing, access to credit and health care; and

WHEAREAS, women are disproportionately subjected to gender based violence; and

WHEAREAS, Governor Cuomo has proposed a Women’s Equality Agenda which will enact pay equity for women, add protections for victims of sexual harassment, sex trafficking and domestic violence, stop discrimination when buying, renting or leasing a home and protect reproductive health care decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Albany affirms its support for adoption of the New York State Women’s Equality Agenda and urges our State Legislative representatives to support its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Leaders Dean Skelos, Jeffrey Klein, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, Senator Neil Breslin and Assemblymembers Patricia Fahy and John McDonald.

**Note: Council Members Smith, Fahey, Rosenzweig, Igoe and Konev spoke on this resolution prior to passage.*

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien, Sano, and Smith

Negative – Igoe and Rosenzweig

Present –Herring

Affirmative 12 Negative 1 Abstain 0 Present 1

Resolution Number 19.41.13R(As Amended) was co-sponsored by Council Members Bailey, Calsolaro, Conti, Fahey, Golby, Jenkins-Cox, Konev, O’Brien and Sano

The remaining resolutions on the agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Bailey corrected a comment made during public comment and let the Council know that there was not a shooting at the McDonald's earlier in the day.

Majority Leader Dan Herring offered the following, which was adopted by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE AND HEREBY ARE APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE NAMES:

1. Kevin Seel

ADJOURNMENT

President Pro Tempore Conti Herring made a motion to adjourn. President McLaughlin, hearing no objections, stated that the meeting was adjourned.

A true record of the Common Council Minutes of April 15th, 2013.

CASHAWNA PARKER
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO THE
ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL